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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY:

At this time of my entry on duty with the Central Intelligence Agency, I'd like to get across this message to my future associates in the Agency.

Since my intended appointment was announced, I have had a rare opportunity to visit a great many of the offices in the Washington Headquarters and some of the field offices. It has been a most instructive, pleasant and satisfying experience.

In the first place, I have run across many old associates in the Intelligence business, including some that I did not know were in the Agency. The cordiality with which I have been received, not only by these old friends, but by the hundreds of others whom I have met for the first time, has been one of the most satisfying experiences of my career - and I am grateful to all of you.

Secondly, what I have seen and heard leaves me with a profound sense of confidence that the Intelligence affairs of the Nation are in worthy hands. The individual and organized competence which I have so far encountered, has left me with one of the most favorable impressions I have ever received in Government. It is most unfortunate that large numbers of Government officials, and the general public as well, could not be given this same opportunity for survey before forming their own impressions of this vital link in their security. You and I, as professional Intelligence personnel, realize, however, that such is not possible, but that rather we must keep the inner workings and personnel identities of this complex machine well hidden if it is to do its job.

I am proud and happy to become, with Mr. Dulles and all of you, a member of the team which keeps this machine running.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. P. Cabell".

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